

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 238

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John W. Galloway, Sr. of Morgan County.

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of John W. Galloway, Sr., a great community servant, on March 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, John W. Galloway, Sr. was born on November 5, 1927, in Burrville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he married Avilee Garrett on May 20, 1951, and their union produced three wonderful, accomplished children: John, Jr. is an Assistant District Attorney; Alan is with the University of Tennessee Extension Service; and Karla is the Public Relations Manager with Gold Kisd. Their four beautiful grandchildren brought Mr. Galloway great joy; and

WHEREAS, as a member of America's "greatest generation," Mr. Galloway served in World War II with the 25th Mechanized Cavalry Regiment in Osaka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, he spent 55 years serving his community by working to provide quality education and medical care and meet the other needs of his fellow Morgan Countians; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, he had served with distinction as Administrator of the Morgan County Medical Center in Wartburg, Tennessee, where he worked with many organizations dedicated to improving health care in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway was a long-time member of the Tennessee Primary Care Association and served as Chairman of its Board of Directors in 1996-1997 and 2000-2001; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who had truly earned the admiration and respect of his peers and the public alike, he was a member of the East Tennessee Community Services Agency, the East Tennessee Regional Health Board, and the Community Health Network; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly in the value of education, Mr. Galloway obtained his bachelor's degree from Lincoln Memorial University and his master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure with Morgan County Medical Center, Mr. Galloway enjoyed a brilliant career as an educator for more than 30 years, beginning his career as a teacher and Principal of the Burrville School in 1950, becoming principal of the Sunbright School in 1960, and serving with conviction and compassion as the Superintendent of Schools for Morgan County from 1972 until 1980; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Galloway's greatest accomplishments was his work with the Morgan County Judge to establish a retirement system for all county employees; this important task was completed in the early 1970's; and

WHEREAS, truly possessing the spirit of the Renaissance, he served as a Justice of the Peace in Morgan County for 12 years beginning in 1960, was a notary public for many years, served with acumen and probity as the City Judge of Oakdale, and was a valuable member of the Tennessee Gas and Oil Board; and

WHEREAS, no greater compliment can be paid to the memory of a man than to say that he was happiest when serving the needs of others, a concept that Mr. Galloway's bountiful life personifies; and

WHEREAS, John W. Galloway, Sr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John W. Galloway, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction as we pay homage to his sterling legacy as a health care administrator, educator, public servant, and family man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Galloway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.